BIG SEVEN DRIVE BEGINS MONDAY

DETAILS OF VACAVILLE-ELMIRA CAMPAIGN.

People Asked to Make Payment at the Banks, Owing to the Influenza Epidemic.

The united war-service campaign in the Vacaville and Elmira district will be conducted by the same committee that had charge of the spring Red Cross drive.

The drive opens next Monday and will continue until the following Monday evening. Originally the allotment for this district was $4,800, but recent developments have made it necessary for the national committee to call for a 50 per cent increase throughout the country. Our new allotment will therefore be $7,200, but it is not believed the individual allotments will be much increased, as a considerable new territory, reaching to the bridge at Winters and from the Napa county line to the railroad, has been added to this district. This new territory has been heretofore included with the Winters district, but now those residing therein will make their contributions to the Vacaville committee.

Pay Early at the Banks.

Because of the epidemic of influenza now prevailing, the committee desires to do as little soliciting as possible, and people are urged to apply at the banks, which will have complete lists of the allotments, and to make payments at the banks. During the first four days of next week all are asked to make their payments voluntarily at the banks. After that soliciting will be begun.

Lists Will Be Posted.

The Ellison building has been donated as headquarters and in the large show windows a list of those from whom contributions are expected will be posted and each day the payments made by those on the list will be posted opposite their names.

It is also proposed to publish this list in subsequent issues of the Reporter.

The Committee.

The committee having this drive in charge is composed of the following: Mrs. F. B. McKevitt, Jr., (chairman), Mrs. H. F. Fowler (treasurer), Miss Edith Harbison, E. R. Thurber, T. H. Buckingham, W. W. Chandler, H. F. Fowler, Mrs. Mary Fotheringham, Mrs. R. R. Chandler, Frank H. Clark, George A. Arnold, Rev. A. F. Fruhling, E. C. Andrews, Charles McQuaid and J. M. McLaughlin.

What the Money Will Do.

$170,500,000 is a lot of money, but it means less than a dollar a week for each of the boys of the army and navy. And certainly no man in America will say that a dollar a week is too much for their cheer and entertainment—at least not if one of the boys is his boy.

Thousands of Uniformed Workers.

The field army of these seven great agencies comprises more than 15,000 uniformed workers on both sides of the water, and General Pershing is asking that additional workers be sent at the rate of at least 1,000 per month. They represent every type of activity—secretaries, athletic directors, librarians, preachers, lecturers, entertainers, motion-picture operators, truck drivers, hotel and restaurant workers, etc. Many are bearing all their own expenses; those who cannot are paid their actual living expenses, if single, and are given an allowance approximately equal to the pay of a second lieutenant to cover their own and their families' expenses.

Thirty-six Hundred Buildings.

More than 3,600 separate buildings have been either erected or rented to make possible this huge work. They

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are of every sort, varying from the great resorts at Aix les Bains, where American soldiers may spend their furloughs, to the huts and hostess houses made familiar by the cantonments on this side. In addition there are scores of warehouses and garages; and hundreds of "huts" which consist of nothing but ruined cellars or dug-outs. Nor do these figures include the hundreds of buildings operated in peace times by these organizations, all of which have been placed at the disposal of the soldiers and sailors, and are doing a magnificent work, supported by their regular funds and special contributions entirely apart from this war-work fund.

The Spirit of the Seven.

The spirit of each of these seven organizations is uplifting in the biggest and broadest sense of the word. Their purpose is to surround each boy with the influences that are best in his life at home. The huts of each organization are opened freely to men of all faiths. Differences of creed and dogma do not divide men who are fighting and dying together.

Advantages Extended.

In camps and cantonments on both sides of the Atlantic there are 3,600,000 books and 5,000,000 copies of periodicals. There are 250 libraries on our fighting ships and the number must be increased.

They supply more than 125,000,000 sheets of stationery a month; and probably half a million dollars is kept tied up all the time in postage stamps.

More than 500 tons of supplies for the boys leave our ports every week under the direction of these agencies.

An average of a hundred of the best actors and actresses in America are touring the huts in France all the time.

Thousands of feet of film have been purchased by these agencies for exhibition here and in France. The average shipment of film per week to France is more than fifteen miles.

Laying the Leisure Bogie.

Leisure has been the foe of every army that ever marched to war. The seven great agencies are turning our boys' leisure from a liability into an asset. More than a thousand athletic directors help the soldiers to forget their troubles with football, baseball and other wholesome outdoor games.

The Scope of the Seven.

The long arm these agencies extends all the way from the 500 clubs operated by the War Camp Community Service on this side, to the front-line trenches where the Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus and Jewish Welfare Board distribute chocolate and cigarettes to the tired fighters; the American Library Association furnishes books, and the Salvation Army passes out pies and doughnuts, sews and mends for our fighters and mans ambulances. It reaches into the factories through the Y. W. C. A. to protect the girls who are making munitions for the fighters, and into the ship yards and munition plants.